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In re Patent Application of:
Strasser et al.

Application No.: 10/784,000

Group Art Unit: 3754

Filed: February 20, 2004

Examiner: Hook, James F.

For: FIRE HOSE HAVING ILLUMINATED
SLEEVE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. The Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species and that one species from each of the following needs to be elected:

One type of light emitting element from the following:

- (1) Fiber optic cable.
- (2) Electroluminescent material.
- (3) Chemiluminescent materials.

- (4) LED's.

The Examiner also requires the election of one type of attachment from the group consisting of:

- (1) FIG. 3B.
- (2) FIG. 3A.
- (3) Opaque arrow sleeve of figure 9.
- (4) Embedding the light emitting element in the outer layer.
- (5) Providing a clear sleeve.

If the clear sleeve embodiment is elected, then the Examiner requires a further election of species between how the sleeve is held on where one of the following must be chosen if the clear sleeve embodiment is elected:

- (1) Glue.
- (2) Stitching.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect a fiber optic cable for a clear sleeve that is attached using glue, with claims 1, 5-15, 19-24, 31-33 and 36-38 being readable thereon.

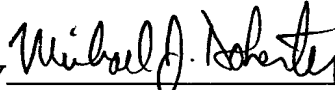
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